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FOLLOW-UP NR THREE AND FINAL TO USA-57 CRITIC 3-65

DTG 200343ZSE65. [REDACTED] REACTIONS TO U.S.

ACFT OVER HANINAN ISLAND.

BEGINING AT 248Z, [REDACTED] FACS BEGAN

REFLECTING RAID 6885/17, IDENT AS ONE HOSTILE LARGE TYPE

AND AS TWO HOSTILE SMALL TYPE, ALTS FROM 13,120FT TO

41,000FT, FROM AN INITIAL POSITION OVER THE GULF OF

TONKIN, [REDACTED]

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COMMENTS DUE TO THE TRACKING OF THE LAST LEG OF THIS FLIGHT, THE POSS EXISTS THAT THIS ACTY WAS A GCI EXERCISE AND NOT A REACTION TO A US ACFT. SUBSEQUENT INTERCEPT AND ANALYSIS BY [REDACTED] OF THE ACTY REPORTED BEING DESTROYED AS A US F104 ACFT, REVEALED THIS ACFT HAD DEVELOPED FUEL PROBLEMS AND WAS DOWN IN THE GULF OF TONKIN 180NM NORTH OF DANANG.

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